trust my condition is strangely turned upside down » Moreover, which mcreaseth her grief and dissatisfaction, she is made to believe that her authority among the people is sensibly decayed

STAGE PLA.YS FORBIDDEN

The Lord Mayor and the Justices of Middlesex and Surrey are commanded at this time to restrain stage plays till other directions be given

March THE QUEEN'S SPEECH OF HER SUCCESSOR

The Queen groweth worse and worse , but is now by persuasion of the Lord Admiral gotten to bed, having kin these last days upon her cushions There is now no hope of her recovery because she refuseth all remedies Today the Lord Admiral being upor the right side of her bed, the Lord Keeper on the left, and Mr Secretary at the bed's feet, all standing, the Lord Admiral put her in mind of a speech she made at Whitehall concerning the succession, and said that they in the name of all the rest of her Council came unto her to know her pleasure, who should succeed Whereunto she replied, [e] I told you my seat hath been the seat of Kings, and I will have no rascal to succeed me , and who should succeed me but a King ? * The Lords not understanding this dark speech and looking one at another, at length Mr Secretary boldly asked her what she meant by these words * that no rascal should succeed her ' She replied that her meaning was a King should succeed her , [c] and who,' quoth she, [c] should that be but our cousin of Scotland * They asked her whether that were her absolute resolution Whereunto she answered, * I pray you trouble me no more I'll have none but him '

2yd March THE QUEEN'S SICKNESS

This morning Dr Parry, one of her Majesty's chaplains,

preached at the Court at Richmond, and his prayer both in the beginning and conclusion of his sermon was so fervent and effectual for her Majesty that he left few eyes dry Her Majesty hath been by fits troubled with melancholy some three or four months, but for this fortnight extreme oppressed with it, insomuch that she refused to eat anything, to receive any physic or admit any rest in bed till within these two or three days* She hath been in a manner speechless for two days, very